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1 - BP renews request for 5th Circuit to require businesses to prove losses resulted from oil spill, Times Picayune, 12/31/13

http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2013/12/bp_renews_request_for_5th_circ.html#incart_river

BP this week renewed its request for the [5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals](#) to order a lower court to require that businesses prove their losses stemmed from the company's [2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill](#) in order to be paid under a [settlement of private claims](#).

2- Obit: RIP, light bulb, CNN, 12/31/13

http://us.cnn.com/2013/12/31/tech/light-bulb-obit/index.html?hpt=hp_c3

It lit up the world and showed us all our way. It served presidents, princes, and paupers with equal alacrity. It brought the writings of Yeats, Joyce, Rowling, and Trudeau to millions of bed-readers, and helped countless people around the world avoid stubbing their toes in the dark. And now, it is no more.

3 - Possible oil, gas development site raises concerns, ABQ Journal, 12/31/13

<http://www.abqjournal.com/328814/news/possible-oil-gas-development-site-raises-concerns.html>

The Bureau of Land Management's Taos field office is considering leasing up to 13,300 acres of land in Rio Arriba County for oil and gas development, and not everyone is happy about it. Amigos Bravos, a Taos-based advocacy group, recently sent out an email urging people to contact the BLM's Taos field office to express their concerns about the proposed lease sale before the public scoping period deadline, which is Saturday.

4 – Stationary Sources of Greenhouse Gases, EOnline, 1/1/14

<http://eonline.com/articles/2014/01/01/stationary-sources-of-greenhouse-gases.aspx>

This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court will consider whether the Clean Air Act is flexible enough to allow the U.S. EPA to regulate greenhouse gases from stationary sources, such as industrial facilities. But it has refused to hear an appeal of the D.C. Circuit's ruling that greenhouse gases, by contributing to climate change, present a danger to the environment.

5 – Brazil's ethanol sector, once thriving, is being buffeted by forces both man-made, natural, Washington Post, 1/1/14

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/brazils-ethanol-sector-once-thriving-is-being-buffed-by-forces-both-man-made-natural/2014/01/01/9587b416-56d7-11e3-bdbf-097ab2a3dc2b_print.html

This should be a golden era here on Brazil's farming frontier, where some of the world's biggest corporations have invested billions of dollars in land, equipment and mills to turn sugar cane into ethanol. The allure for these giants is Brazil itself, where most cars are built to run on the biofuel. An even bigger, largely untapped market awaits in the United States, where environmental standards favor cane-based ethanol over corn ethanol. Then there is China, with its growing, formidable fleet of

cars.

6 – Kenner recycling program expands, moves drop-off location, NOLA.com, 12/30/13

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/12/kenner_recycling_program_expan.html#incart_river

The problem with [Kenner](#)'s garbage recycling program? It's too successful. Since the program started up again in 2013, after being cancelled in the wake of [Hurricane Katrina](#), the city's bins have been so stuffed that they are often cleared out twice per day, Councilman Kent Denapoli said. And that's a good thing.

7 - Texas official holds town hall meeting on quakes, KHOU, 1/2/14

<http://www.khou.com/news/national/238428581.html>

A member of the Texas Railroad Commission wants to hear from the public about a series of minor earthquakes in Parker County. Commissioner David Porter will host a town hall meeting starting at 5 p.m. CST Thursday at Azle High School in Azle. The commission regulates oil and gas operations.

8 - Wetlands Reveillon in Luling raises about \$12,000 for Wetland Watchers Park, Times Picayune, 1/1/14

http://blog.nola.com/river/2013/12/wetlands_reveillon_in_luling_r.html#incart_river

The sixth annual Wetlands Reveillon, a gala to benefit the LaBranche Wetland Watchers Park, was held last month at the River Room in Luling. About \$12,000 was raised in the event, said Destrehan High senior Nicole Robicheaux, who organized the event as her Senior Project. Proceeds from the gala will be used for the enhancement of the public nature trail and outdoor classrooms at the park in Norco.

9 - Range Resources Corp. : Environmental groups: White House throwing EPA under bus on fracking, 4-Traders, 1/1/14

<http://www.4-traders.com/RANGE-RESOURCES-CORP-14288/news/Range-Resources-Corp--Environmental-groups-White-House-throwing-EPA-under-bus-on-fracking-17740538/>

Environmental groups say the White House is siding with the natural gas industry over its own Environmental Protection Agency following a report this week from the EPA's internal watchdog about an investigation of potential groundwater contamination from hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

10 – Pollution Rising, Chinese Fear for Soil and Food, NY Times, 12/30/13

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/31/world/asia/good-earth-no-more-soil-pollution-plagues-chinese-countryside.html?_r=2&

The farm-to-table process in China starts in villages like this one in the agricultural heartland. Food from the fields of Ge Songqing and her neighbors ends up in their kitchens or in the local market, and from there goes to other provinces. The foods are Chinese staples: rice, cabbage, carrots, turnips and sweet potatoes.

11 - EPA inquiry finds 2010 action in Texas followed procedures, Oil Gas Journal, 12/30/13

<http://www.ogj.com/articles/2013/12/epa-inquiry-finds-2010-action-in-texas-followed-procedures.html>

The US Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6 office followed established procedures when it issued an emergency order to a Range Resources Inc. division in Texas in 2010 that it withdrew 2 years later, the agency's inspector general's office concluded.

12 - Plastic made from pollution hits U.S. market, USA Today, 12/30/13

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/12/30/plastic-from-carbon-emissions/4192945/>

A decade ago in his Princeton dorm room, Mark Herrema had an aha moment. He read a newspaper story about the rise in heat-trapping methane emissions from dairy farms and decided to do something about it.

13 – How Mass-Produced Meat Turned Phosphorus Into Pollution, NPR, 1/2/14

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2014/01/02/257393870/how-mass-produced-meat-turned-phosphorus-into-pollution>

It's a quandary of food production: The same drive for efficiency that lowers the cost of eating also can damage our soil and water. Take the case of one simple, essential, chemical element: phosphorus.